

To FCC,

I am writing to comment on the FCC Notice of Public Rulemaking on 'Video Franchises'. (05-311).

Being a local media producer for Pinellas Public Access, I am a supporter of franchising rules that support access TV. The fact is that Public, Educational and Governmental access channels that are supported by such video franchise agreements are the glue that connects large telecommunication companies with the community. This connection is detrimental for the relationship between the public and municipalities. How else would these companies ensure that their business within the community is growing according to local public interest? In exchange, PEG TV is the only way in which non profit organizations can afford to create their own programming of their interest through the media.

Most of all, PEG TV plays an extremely large roll in our own democracy where we can enjoy the freedom of speech that circulates a wide range of ideas and opinions, as well as encouraging creativity that creates public diversity.

These are reasons why I am supportive of anything that will protect this kind of localism in the media. Localism leads to creativity, which leads to diversity, which leads to tolerance, which leads to a closer community with successful municipalities.

Thank you,

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